

REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

By this Amendment, claims 26 and 48 have been amended to replace "spring/magnet mechanism" with "spring and magnet mechanism." The application was originally filed with 21 claims. In a preliminary amendment, claims 22-46 were added and claims 1-21 were canceled. Claims 41-42 were canceled to a restriction requirement. Claims 47-50 were added in a previous amendment. Accordingly, claims 22-40 and 43-50 (27 claims) remain pending in the application. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 48 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner contends that the "/" (slash) symbol as used in "spring/magnet" in claim 48 is indefinite because it is unclear whether the slash means "and" or "or."

The Examiner will note that the pertinent part of claim 48 has been amended to recite a combined spring and magnet mechanism.

The applicants note that claim 26 contains a similar term (i.e., spring/magnet mechanism). Although unnoticed by the Examiner, in the effort of obtaining an early Notice of Allowance, Applicants have amended claim 26 in a similar manner.


CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application, including claims 22-40 and 43-50, is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. REN-12526.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK, L.L.P.



Kenneth A. Clark
Reg. No. 32,119
Christopher J. Korff
Reg. No. 55,342

925 Euclid Avenue
Suite 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1405
(216) 566-9700

March 14, 2004